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In re Application of: Marcussen et al.

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For: An Improved Process For Preparing An Enzyme Containing Granule

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows (a marked up version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21 is attached hereto):

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims having the same claim numbers:

1. (Twice Amended.) A process for manufacture of a dry enzyme-containing granule, said method comprising:

adding less than 75 of 100 parts by weight of a particulate component having a mean size of more than 40  $\mu\text{m}$  in the longest dimension to more than 25 of 100 parts by weight of an enzyme or an enzyme and granulating agent; and

mixing said particulate component with said enzyme or with said enzyme and granulating agent in a mixer granulation process to form a granule.

13. (Amended.) The process of claim 1, wherein the granulating agent is selected from the group consisting of fiber materials, binders, fillers, liquid agents, enzyme stabilizers, suspension agents, crosslinking agents, mediators, solvents and combinations of any of the foregoing.

Please add the following new claim:

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